



## NEWSLETTER

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### FROM THE PRESIDENT



Greetings everyone,

This newsletter from me as President marks one year for me in this position.

Of course, everything I've experienced, I have written in my annual report, which you will all receive within the next two weeks.

This month saw the start of the Stadium Programme, and initially it was a surprise to find that numbers putting their names down to play were really quite low.

We all pondered the reasons for this, like "the weather is still beautiful and everyone's enjoying it while they can?" Or "locals are taking this time to travel before the wintery weather?" etc.etc. Whatever the reason, I am very pleased and relieved, that the numbers are up and we are back to rushing to get our name in for the next week, and having plenty of names on the reserve list.

Please ensure you continue to check the weekly entry form to ensure you have it well and truly noted the session you are playing in. Also note who the Controller for session that you are going to is, just in case you have to withdraw.

Once again we welcome our neighbouring Hawea Club members who join our club for the Stadium Season. The Hawea membership numbers are swelling too. A special welcome to all old and new members.

The Stadium Championships' programme will be completed Sunday May 30<sup>th</sup> when the Pairs are decided. Again the entries for the Fours, and Triples were down in numbers, as were the spectator numbers, which was very disappointing as some classy bowls were on display.

It was with sadness that we lost our member Paul Cosgrove. "Cosie" as he was fondly known mainly by the male members, will be remembered as a very competent bowler and a real character. Our condolences go to his wife and family.

As we head into our colder winter season, we wish to remind you all that it really is not wise to attend bowls if you are feeling unwell, with coughs, colds etc. The age of the "majority of our members" are more susceptible to these ills, so your absence when unwell is a must. Also a reminder to use your Covid App scanner, or manually record your visits to the club house. For those of you who are or have been unwell I send you best wishes for a speedy recovery to good health.

Please make sure you attend our Annual General Meeting on Saturday June 19<sup>th</sup> at approximately 5.00pm.

Yours

Gaye Beattie (President)

## FROM THE BOARD

### Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be held on **Saturday 19 June** at approximately 5pm. The meeting will follow play on the second day of Studholme Trophy bowls.

**Notice of meeting** - All members have been emailed or hand delivered this notice.

**Notices of Motion** – These must be received at least 14 days prior to the AGM

**Applications for elected positions close at 5pm on Friday, 4 June** – They go in the white ballot box in the Foyer – 4 Board Positions available

**Agenda** – This will be sent out no later than 7 days before the AGM i.e. 11 June



## WEBSITE UPDATE

Our Webmaster Barbara Wilson has made the following report on visitor numbers to the Club's Website. You can find our website at [wanakabowls.org](http://wanakabowls.org) or Google "**Wanaka Bowling Club Official Site**".

There has been an increase in the number of visitors to the website and in the last year (to 9 May), a total of 704 unique visitors.

Visitors come from many areas but the main ones are from: Christchurch 157, Wanaka 100, Auckland 97, Queenstown 56, Invercargill 52, Dunedin 26

Apart from the 'Home Page' and 'Contacts Page', the 'Bookings Page' is the most popular section of our website.

On the page **Bowls TV** my pick for the best bowls game on our website is the National Interclub 7's singles match Shannon McIlroy v Kelvin Scott. Just click on the You Tube link there.

**Coaching:** Coaching links has some detailed written information and the most useful stuff I could find on the internet. My favourites: 'Tactics 101' and 'Doc Rotella's 10 Commandments'.

## FROM THE GREEN-KEEPER

### Outside Green Closure

In order to protect the outside green from frost damage during the winter months, the outside green will be closed until 12 noon from May 1st. Your cooperation would be appreciated.

## STADIUM EVENTS PROGRAMME 2021

### RESULTS

#### Stadium Mixed Fours

This was the first major event of the 2021 Stadium Season played on May 8-9. Although there were only six teams participating this was an absolutely 'cracker' tournament with some really excellent bowls being played.

In the end there were two teams left in the running - who ended up playing each other three times during the weekend.

- Murray Finn (s), Ken Mitchell, Yvonne Gale, Kura Urquhart (2 lives)
- Peter Herbert (s), Bob Steel, Kathryn Mitchell, John Rich (1 life)

In the potential final both teams were neck and neck at 9-9 after 10 ends before Peter Herbert's team struck gold with 1, 4 and 3 to make the score 17-9. With just one end to play Murray Finn conceded the game and evened the series up.

The final had some amazing twists and turns and in the end went down to the very last bowl. At the start Murray's team tightened their game and dominated the first 5 ends to lead by 11-1.

Then it was Peter's team counter punching with six consecutive ends won, culminating with a massive 6 shots on the 11th end and leading 13-11 with just three ends to play.

To drop a '6' seemed to shock Murray's team into life. Although the last three ends saw the lead change several times it was Murray's team that did enough to ease ahead and win the title 15-13.

Those spectators who were lucky enough to be watching generally agreed that this was one of the best finals played in recent years and all eight players must be congratulated for their efforts.



**Ken Mitchell, Yvonne Gale, Kura Urquhart, Murray Finn**

### **Stadium Mixed Triples**

This annual event was held on the weekend of May 15-16. It was somewhat disappointing that there were just five teams entered in this years event. Teams being made up by a 'clubhouse draw' are intended to go some way for teams to be as even as possible. Needless to say, those members who played enjoyed a great weekends bowls.

In the end it came down to Ewan Miller's team of Bev Mee and Neville Harris playing Bob Steel's team of Ken Muir and Heather Malcolm.

Ewan's team got away to a fast start and by the 7th end his team led 14-0. Only then did Bob 'break his duck' with a 2 on the 8th end. Ewan continued scoring 2 on each end to lead by 22-4 after the 12th end and 23-5 after 14 ends when Bob conceded.

This was a very good team effort with Neville Harris leading accurately, Bev Mee producing consistently good bowls and Ewan Miller putting the finishing touches on a regular basis.

**Note:** Thanks to Gaye Beattie who provided me with notes used for the above report.



**Bev Mee, Ewan Miller, Neville Harris**

### **Stadium Mixed Pairs**

What a great weekend this was. Those wise old pundits who sat there over the two days could not have been anything but impressed by the standard of bowls played by the ten teams.

On Sunday morning there were just five teams left in the competition:

- Richie Muir and Kathryn Mitchell
- Marilyn Steel and Mark Daniels
- Bill Turnbull and Heather Malcolm
- Tom Malcolm and Val Ransom
- Ken Mitchell and Jo Stock

Then it came down to the last two surviving teams:

Richie Muir and Kathryn Mitchell (2 lives)

Tom Malcolm and Val Ransom (1 life)

What an amazing game this 'Potential Final' was that provided a cliff hanger finish and needed an extra end for Tom's team to clinch the game, even the teams up, and force a further 'Final' match to be played.

After the dramatics of the 'Potential Final' the 'Final' was a bit of an anti-climax with Richie and Kathryn dominating from the start with consistently accurate bowls.



Everyone expected Tom and Val to fight their way back into the match but it never happened and with the difference in scores continuing to widen Tom conceded the game.



## **Clyde v Wanaka Interclub**

This was played at Clyde on Sunday 23 May with each club having 3 mixed 'fours' teams. Here is Team Captain Ken's report of their day.

*"We stopped at the Nichols Cafe in Cromwell for a 'team building' lunch, then onto Clyde for a 1.15 pm start, which consisted of 3 games of 8 ends.*

*Wanaka won by having over double the points and defended the Cup for another year.*

*Many thanks to all who travelled and played. It was a wonderful afternoon with a glorious afternoon tea and a drink to follow. Next competition will be held in Wanaka May 2022.*



**"The Victors!"**

Photo provided by Kathryn Mitchell

## **Anzac Men's Fours Tournament**

The 50th Anzac Men's Fours Tournament hosted by Alexandra took place April 17-18 with 52 'fours' teams playing at both Omakau and Alexandra for a pool of \$6500.

Congratulations to Ritchie Muir who was in the winning team. Another great effort Richie.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

In 2007 the Neil Studholme Memorial Trophy, devised by Ray Newall, was first contested by Wanaka 'suburbs' and continues to be one of the most important, and popular events on the Club's Stadium Programme.

This year's series commences on Saturday 12 June at 1.15pm.

## COACHING

Club coaches Peter Herbert (Ph 443 4480), Ewan Miller (Ph 265 3010), Tom Malcolm (443 5266) and Geoff Thomas (443 2892) will be more than happy to offer coaching sessions for any members. If you want to arrange a coaching session please contact Peter, Ewan, Tom or Geoff.

## TEST YOUR BOWLS KNOWLEDGE

Rhonda Hurley is a qualified Umpire and she has provided a series of question and answer sheets that have been used at past NZ Umpire courses. When you have decided on your answer you can look at the official answer on the last page of the newsletter.

Q.1: A running bowl played on rink 2 hits one of the other bowls on rink 2 causing that other bowl to enter rink 3. On entering rink 3 it collides with a bowl at rest in the head before anyone can stop it. What should happen on rink 3 ?

Q.2: Having won the previous end player A delivers the jack - which goes straight into the ditch. Player B then delivers the jack in line with the laws. Play continues and the end is subsequently declared dead. Who delivers the jack when the end is replayed ?

Q.3: The bowl slips out of a player's hand during the delivery back-swing. The opposing skip insists that the bowl is now dead. The player calls for an umpire What does the umpire do ?

## TIME TO LAUGH

### Remember Bob Hope's famous utterances

*ON TURNING 70 - "I still chase women, but only downhill."*

*ON TURNING 80 - "That's the time of your life when even your birthday suit needs pressing."*

*ON TURNING 90 - "You know you are getting old when the candles cost more than the cake."*

*ON TURNING 100 - "I don't feel old. In fact, I don't feel anything until noon. Then it's time for my nap."*

*ON GIVING UP HIS EARLY CAREER (BOXING) - "I ruined my hands in the ring. The referee kept stepping on them."*

*ON GOLF - "Golf is my profession. Show business is just to pay the green fees."*

*ON PRESIDENTS - "I have performed for 12 presidents but entertained only six."*

*ON WHY HE CHOSE SHOWBIZ FOR HIS CAREER - "When I was born, the doctor said to my mother, congratulations, you have an eight pound ham."*

*ON RECEIVING THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL - "I feel very humble, but I think I have the strength of character to fight it."*

**ON HIS FAMILY'S EARLY POVERTY** - *"Four of us slept in the one bed. When it got cold, mother threw on another brother."*

**ON HIS SIX BROTHERS** - *"That's how I learned to dance. Waiting for the bathroom."*

**ON HIS EARLY FAILURES** - *"I would not have had anything to eat if it wasn't for the stuff the audience threw at me."*

### **HOW DO YOU DECIDE WHOM TO MARRY?** (Written by kids)

You got to find somebody who likes the same stuff Like, if you like sports, she should like it that you like sports, and she should keep the chips and dip coming.

-- Alan, age 10

No person really decides before they grow up who they're going to marry. God decides it all way before, and you get to find out later who you're stuck with.

-- Kristen, age 10

### **WHAT IS THE RIGHT AGE TO GET MARRIED?**

Twenty-three is the best age because you know the person FOREVER by then.

-- Camille, age 10

### **HOW CAN A STRANGER TELL IF TWO PEOPLE ARE MARRIED?**

You might have to guess, based on whether they seem to be yelling at the same kids.

-- Derrick, age 8

### **WHAT DO YOU THINK YOUR MOM AND DAD HAVE IN COMMON?**

Both don't want any more kids.

-- Lori, age 8

### **WHAT DO MOST PEOPLE DO ON A DATE?**

Dates are for having fun, and people should use them to get to know each other. Even boys have something to say if you listen long enough.

-- Lynnette, age 8 (*isn't she a treasure*)

On the first date, they just tell each other lies and that usually gets them interested enough to go for a second date.

-- Martin, age 10

## WHEN IS IT OKAY TO KISS SOMEONE?

When they're rich.

-- Pam, age 7

The law says you have to be eighteen, so I wouldn't want to mess with that.

-- Curt, age 7

The rule goes like this: If you kiss someone, then you should marry them and have kids with them. It's the right thing to do.

-- Howard, age 8

## IS IT BETTER TO BE SINGLE OR MARRIED?

It's better for girls to be single but not for boys. Boys need someone to clean up after them.

-- Anita, age 9 (*bless you child*)

## HOW WOULD THE WORLD BE DIFFERENT IF PEOPLE DIDN'T GET MARRIED?

There sure would be a lot of kids to explain, wouldn't there?

-- Kelvin, age 8

And the #1 Favorite is...

## HOW WOULD YOU MAKE A MARRIAGE WORK?

Tell your wife that she looks pretty, even if she looks like a truck.

-- Ricky, age 10

## A FINAL WORD TO MEMBERS

If you have any interesting material that we could possibly use in future newsletters please give it to Peter or Madeleine Wilson. You can contact us on [publicity.wanakabowls@gmail.com](mailto:publicity.wanakabowls@gmail.com) or [secretary.wanakabowls@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.wanakabowls@gmail.com) or you can see us personally at bowls or phone us on 443 4045

## ANSWERS TO BOWLS QUESTIONS

Q.1: If the displaced bowl has not disturbed the head, the skips should agree on the position of the bowl. If the displaced bowl has disturbed the head, the skips should agree on the position of the bowl and on how to replace any part of the head disturbed after the displacement. In with situation, if they cannot agree, the end should be declared dead.

Q.2: Player A

Q.3: The umpire should explain to the opponent that the player can start the delivery of the bowl again as it was not deliberately released from the hand.